Public Office, *Bow-Street, Covent-Garden.*

THE PUBLIC HUE AND CRY;

OR,

Sir J. Fielding's General Preventive Plan.

SENT

To the Mayors and Chief Officers of Corporations, the Acting Magiſtrates in the Counties at large, and the Keepers of every County Gaol throughout England.

From FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, to FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1774. [No. 9.

A MURDERER fled from Juſtice.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND, charged with a Murder in Glouceſterſhire. He is aged Twenty-five, pale Complexion, five Feet four or five Inches high, pretty ſtout made, round ſhouldered, down Look, ſplay footed, particularly his right Foot, a Swing in his Gait, flaxen ſtraight Hair, not pock-marked, ſpeaks in the Glouceſterſhire Dialect, light coloured Coat and Waiſtcoat, greaſy leather Breeches, Stockings of Different Colours, one blue, the other thought to be brown; was born at Elkſtone, but lived in the Pariſh of Amney Crucis, Glouceſterſhire. Give Notice to the above Office, or Samuel Rudder, of Cirenceſter, who offers Five Guineas Reward.

ESCAPED from JUSTICE.

THOMAS WEST and WILLIAM BROMMELL, charged with Burglary at Southampton; Weſt was born at Southampton, is a Gardener by Trade, twenty-two Years old, five Feet eight Inches high, ſlim and ſtraight, ſwarthy Complexion, black curled Hair, pock-marked, went off in a claret coloured Bath Beaver Coat and Waiſtcoat, with Buttons of the ſame Colour, white Fuſtian Breeches, which have two round Pieces ſet in between the Legs, a ſmall Hat with a ſilk Band and Buckle. Brommell is a Shoe-maker, born at Southampton, ſhort and well ſet, twenty-three Years old, black ſhort Hair, had on a flapt Hat, blue Surtout Coat, red Waiſtcoat, and greaſy Leather Breeches.

Give Notice to the above Office, or to the Town Clerk of Southampton.

WHEREAS Mr. John Kunniſon, of Sherborne, in Dorſetſhire, about thirty-three Years of Age, five Feet three Inches, ſwarthy Complexion, in a Club Wig, a blue Great Coat, claret-coloured Coat, and green Silk Waiſtcoat, ſet off from Saliſbury on his Way to London on the 15th inſtant, mounted on a Mouſe colour Mare with a new Pair of Saddle Bags, and called at the Houſe known by the Name of the Hut, near Virginia Water, beyond Egham, on Monday Evening the 17th inſt. about Five o'Clock; after which he again ſet off for London, and has not ſince been heard of; but his ſaid Mare was found the next Morning in a Field near Egham, with the Saddle Bags and Stirrups cut, and the Bit cut from the Bridle; and as the ſaid John Kunniſon had a conſiderable Sum of Money about him, there is Reaſon to ſuppoſe he has been Robbed and Murdered. Whoever therefore will give ſuch Information to his Brother, Robert Kunniſon, of Exeter, as may be the Means of bringing this Matter to Light, ſhall receive a Reward of Twenty Pounds.

GENERAL POST OFFICE.

Jan. 11, 1774.

WILLIAM HARVEY, of Amerſham, in the County of Bucks, Innholder, and Deputy Poſtmaſter of that Place, ſtands charged upon Oath on a violent Suſpicion of having felonioufly ſtolen out of the Poſt Office there, ſeveral Bank Notes and Bills contained in Letters ſent by the Poſt.

The ſaid William Harvey abſconded from his dwelling Houſe at Amerſham aforeſaid, on Sunday the 9th Inſtant. He is about forty Years of Age, five Feet ſix Inches high, very fat, ſhort Neck, and carries his Head very upright; is remarkably full cheſted, rather a black Complexion, ſhort thick Noſe, very full Eyes, wears a black curled Wig with a Tyburn Top, and is ſuppoſed to have had on a brown Coat, and red Waiſtcoat when he abſconded.

Whoſoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, the ſaid William Harvey, ſhall be entitled to a Reward of Fifty Pounds.

By Command of the Poſtmaſter General.

ANTHONY TODD, Sec.

ESCAPED from JUSTICE,

HENRY KNOWLES, charged with Burglary, at Farley Wallop, Hants. He is five Feet nine Inches high, thin viſaged, large boned, and well made, twenty-five Years old, light brown Hair, liſps a little, is a Sawyer, and generally wears a brown Coat.

N. B. He was lately ſeen in Wapping, and is ſuppoſed to intend going to Sea. Five Guineas Reward is offered by the Party robbed. Give Notice to the above Office, or to Philip Dehaney, Eſq. at Farley Wallop, Hants.

ESCAPED from JUSTICE,

PARMENAS WIDE, aged twenty-two, five Feet ſix Inches high, well grown, turns out his Feet remarkably in walking, of a rough Aſpect, low Forehead, with long dark Hair, ſometimes club'd and ſometimes curl'd, his Hands rough, and chaped with the Scurvy, a claret coloured Bath Rug Frock Coat, ſometimes wears a blue Frock Coat with white metal Buttons, and blue Breeches with yellow Buttons; has been a Servant, and alſo on Board a Man of War; charged with Burglary at Gettleſham, in Devonſhire, January the 3d, and ſtealing two Geldings, &c. Give Notice to the above Office. Two Guineas Reward on his Commitment, and Two Guineas more on his being convicted, is offered by the Church Wardens of Gettiſham.

To the EDITOR of the PUBLIC HUE AND CRY.

Sint contra ratio, et secretum gerit in aurem,
Nolitat facere id, quod quis vitiabit agendo.
Pers. Sat. V.

SIR,

THE virulence of party near the beginning of the present century did much injury to the manners and principles of the people. The assailants of superstition were unwary. Religion was wounded in the attack. For whilst some from a nobly-conscientious spring, the zeal of freedom, engaged in the dispute, others joined the combat, merely from the vanity of scepticism and a pedantic thirst of distinction. These were most mischievous in their effects. They were not precipitated into Enthusiastic fury, but furbish'd their weapons with caution; they dazzled and deceived. Hence arose innumerable buffooneries, and afterwards the fastidious phlegm of the Lord Bolingbroke, who stands convicted on his own confession of designed profligacy, and as a "pest of society"*.

The opinions of these worthies were swallowed with avidity, and have indubitably given rise to much irreligion. But though such writings may appear to some as causes sufficient to have begotten the dangerous effects we felt at this day; I do not credit the *inevitability* of such evils simply proceeding from thence. It must be confessed indeed that some of these partizans thought they were sowing the seeds of liberality, but they improvidently steeped them in venom, and the luxuriance of the soil rendered rank by such infusion, degenerated them to licentiousness.

It is a question with me, Sir, whether the Polemick writers have ever done any real service to the cause of religion; instead of keeping within the safe verge of argument for the establishment of Christianity, airy speculations have been adopted, which have seldom failed to draw forth the splenetic vanity of philosophical bravo's for the sake of battering their vague hypotheses, and storming the ramparts of their unsubstantial systems. Such was the noble author of characteristics†.

Irreligion began to stalk abroad about the time I have before mentioned, and has since proceeded with gigantic strides till this hour; but what has been done to impede its progress? The compulsatory modes, established by the legislature, and entrusted with the magistrate, have fallen into disuse. The task has altogether rested with the clergy; so best; but have they *fully* discharged their sacred offices? Has persuasion (which is the only means) been opposed to these corrosive errors with abilities, constancy, earnestness and example? If it has, there remains little more to try; and the eve of general dissoluteness is at hand.

Let us now examine another grand source of evil. Much has been said in behalf of *luxury*. The great Montesquieu maintains the advantage of it in a state like this: his position however has been opposed by others. Be it as it may, there must certainly be a mean in luxury as in all other things, beyond which are difficulty and danger. Let us look to the capital, and take the words of Montesquieu with us. "In proportion to "the populousness of towns," says that great man, "the inhabitants are filled with "vain notions, and actuated by an ambition "of distinguishing themselves by trifles: if "they are very numerous, and most of them "strangers to one another, the passion of di"stinguishing themselves redoubles, because "there are greater hopes of success. As luxury inspires these hopes, each man assumes "the marks of a superior condition; but by "endeavouring thus at distinction every one "becomes equal, and distinction ceases; as "all of them are desirous of respect, no body "is taken notice of."

"Hence arises a general inconvenience. "Those who excel in a profession, set what "value they please on their labour. This "example is followed by people of inferior "abilities; and then there is an end of all "proportion between our wants, and the "means of satisfying them‡."

By this reasoning, which is founded in the desires almost inseparably attached to the nature of man, it seems that luxury must unavoidably crowd into populous cities. As the number of inhabitants increase, the modes of luxury will multiply. For as the gratification of the passions, to be distinguished by trifles, must depend upon novelty; the invention of each individual will be on the stretch to add something new to the caprices of Taste, the refinements of Effeminacy, and the whims of Vanity. Every discovery begets a new want: and hence they swell to such a magnitude as to bear no proportion to our means of satisfying them.

In argument, as in law, we must be contented with the best evidence the nature of the case will admit. I maintain, therefore, that luxury in the capital has got far beyond the salutary bound. The consequences are big with mischief. The great are notoriously guilty of innumerable, hourly meannesses, which, rendering them obnoxious to the censure of their inferiors, have annihilated that respect due to their rank in the state—and have loosened, from the post of honour, the hold-fast of all subordination. The progress of this evil is regular through all the stages of society: for in proportion as the apparent subordination of the middling class is to the higher, will the lower be to them, and so on to the very lowest. The issue of luxury, therefore, is the destruction of those links of subordination so necessary to public welfare, the peace, and security of society.

This contempt of our superiors has not been a little encouraged of late years by the commotions of our modern Patriots. Idleness gobbled the baits of disorder, and grew vicious and unruly from the familiar nods of discord. The necessitous are now merely kept in awe by their wants, without any associating respect for those who employ them. For as they [the employers] look upwards with *disdain*, though guilty themselves of enormities equal to those which they condemn; and likewise heedless of *their* necessary example to *their* inferiors; they meet, in return, from below, the same species of contumely. This is going far, you will say.—It is so, Sir.——But look through the metropolis, and every enquiry will beget a corroboration of the assertion. This disrespect of power, early caught from the parent by the child—from the master by the apprentice—in its consequences turns upon them, who gave birth to it, and destroys the duties of filial piety, the obedience and fidelity of gratitude. No longer a religious and moral example is maintained to guide, nor a necessary restraint to protect them: left to the promptitude of their own passions, they follow the headstrong bent of youthful appetites, spurn at all authority, neglect the honest means of support for the lures of viciousness, till hurried into the extremes of abandonness they fall victims to the law.

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* Vide Dissert. on Parties, Letter 12.
† Vide Misc. 3. Ch. 1.
‡ Spir. of Laws, B. VII. Ch. I.

From the LONDON GAZETTE, Jan. 22.

Petersburgh, Dec. 28.

THE insurrection of the Cossacks in the province of Oremburg, which it was thought would have been quelled without much difficulty, has gathered so much strength, that it has been found necessary to order several regiments to march into that province; and by the last accounts it appears that the insurgents were not yet dispersed.

Hamburgh, Jan. 7. M. de Hecht, the Prussian minister here, has notified to the College of Commerce, that his Prussian Majesty had thought proper to abolish the duties of twelve and half per cent. hitherto paid at Berlin on the transit of sugars, and all other merchandize passing through that city to Silesia.

Hamburgh, Jan. 14. It has frozen so hard these two or three days past, that people pass in sledges over the Elbe to Harburg. We are without any mails from most parts of the empire, as well as from Poland, Sweden, and Denmark, for these two posts: neither are those due to-day from England and Holland, expected to arrive before to-morrow.

Ostend, Jan. 19. The distemper among the horned cattle, and the slaughter of the infected, still continue in different parts of this province and neighbourhood; and to this mode of prevention the committee hitherto seem resolved to adhere.

St. James's, Jan. 22. The King has been pleased to grant unto Lewis Repinder, of the county of York, Esq. (only brother of the present Bradshaw Peirson, of the said county) and his issue, his Royal leave and licence to take and use the names, and bear the arms, of Bradshaw Peirson, (the same being first duly exemplified, and registered, according to the laws of arms, in the Heralds Office) in compliance with the will of Bradshaw Peirson, Esq. late of Stokesley in the North Riding of the county of York.

MONDAY, Jan. 24.

LONDON.

Yesterday the Reverend Doctor Kaye, Sub-Almoner to his Majesty, and Prebend of York, preached before his Majesty at the Chapel-royal, St. James's. The sword of state was carried to and from chapel by the Right Hon. Lord Cadogan.

After his Majesty returned from chapel there was a full court and drawing-room at St. James's, at which his Grace the Duke of St. Albans, the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor, the Earls of Suffolk, Rochford, Hertford, Gower, Plymouth, March, Northington, Lord Viscount Clare, Lords Mansfield, Cathcart, and Craven; her Grace the Duchess of Bolton, the Countess of Hertford, the Ladies Ligonier, Archer, Sea and Seal, &c. were present.

Her Majesty was not present at the drawing-room yesterday at St. James's.

Same day the Earl of Denbigh came into waiting at St. James's, in the room of Lord Willoughby de Broke, lord of the bed-chamber to the King.

A commission has passed for appointing John Weir, Esq; to be Commissary General of the stores, in the island of Dominica.

On Wednesday last came on at Warwick, the election of a Member for that Borough, in the room of the present Earl of Warwick, when the Hon. Mr. Greville, brother to his Lordship, was elected without opposition.

A new writ is issued out for electing a Member to serve in Parliament for Wareham in Dorsetshire, in the room of Whitshed Keene, Esq. who has accepted the office of one of the Commissioners of Trade and Plantations.

A person lately returned from Dunkirk says, a report prevailed there lately, that the French Ministry intended to take cognisance of the English refugees there; the alarm had such an effect, that out of near two hundred birds of passage in a day or two, like swallows, not one was to be seen.

Friday night, at Drury-lane theatre, the comedy of the Wonder concluded with a new country dance, in which Mr. Garrick surprised the audience. His activity was beyond description, and was accompanied with huzzas and bravos from all parts of the house. The dance was encored, and by this it may be supposed, they really thought Mr. Garrick was young enough to please them in this manner the whole night: however, when the curtain drew up for the dance to be repeated, some gentlemen had feeling enough to cry out "it was too much;" but Mr. Garrick, with a significant look, informed them he was equal to the task, and the dance was performed again, with seeming ease to him.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Bath, Jan. 10. Arrived here, Earl of Cholmondley, Lord Cavendish, Lady Fludyer, Hon. Mr. Strangways, Capt. Balie, Capt. Pelghin, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Vigors, Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, Mr. and Master Harrison, Mr. Leg, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. French, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Ormsby, Mrs. Messman, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Smith, Miss Lopes, Miss Baker, Miss Royds, Miss Brickdale, Miss Bemilly, &c.

STOLEN from Barnſley, Yorkſhire, January 14, 1774, a ſtrong Bay Gelding, about nine Years old, fifteen Hands and a Half high, a Star, and a large white Rach from it down his Face, a Nag Tail, longiſh, which he carries well, his fore Feet in particular very flat, and his near hind Foot white; a Saddle with a blue and white ſtriped Saddle-Cloth, and a double bitted and double reined Bridle was alſo taken with him. A Guinea Reward is offered by the Owner. Give Notice to the above Office, or to Mr. Marſden, at Barnſley.

ESCAPED from JUSTICE,

JOSEPH SOLOMONS, commonly known by the Name of Yapper, ſtands charged with breaking open the Warehouſe at the White Horſe Inn, Cripplegate, and robbing the ſame of Plate, Cloth and other Goods to a very great Amount. And his Brother, and Father, who is commonly known by the Name of Abraham Greenman, ſtand charged with receiving part of the ſaid goods, knowing them to be ſtolen.

The ſaid Yapper is a Jew, ſtout made, about five Feet ſix Inches high, full faced, black Eyes, has no Beard, ſtammers in his Speech, wears his own black Hair, the Bridge of his Noſe is flat; generally wears a round Hat flapt, a light duffil Great Coat with a red Collar, light brown Coat with engraved ſilver Buttons, buff ſtocking or buckſkin Breeches, and ſquare ſilver Buckles; ſometimes chocolate-coloured Cloaths.

Abraham Greenman is about five Feet eight Inches high, ſixty Years old, ſtoops in his Shoulders, own Hair, ſhort brown Beard, old blue ſurtout Coat, brown Waiſtcoat, old leather Breeches.

Yapper's Brother is about four Feet ten Inches; about ſixteen Years old, ſwarthy, own Hair, ſhort, hollow black Eyes; a little pock-marked, thin, dreſſed in an old yellow Bath Beaver Coat, an old white one over it, blue Stockings tied with packthread. Ten Guineas Reward is offered for apprehending the ſaid Yapper. Give Notice to the above Office.

RODE away with the 12th Inſtant, a Bay Gelding fifteen Hands one Inch high, ſix Years old, Star, grey Hairs down his Face, thin Nag Tail, which he carries high, broken Knees, has worked in Harneſs, with a buckſkin ſeated Saddle and plated Stirrups, and double reined Bridle. Two Guineas Reward is offered by the Owner. Give Notice to the above Office, or to Mr. Gladhill, at the Leaping-Bar, Black Friars Bridge. The Man is a luſty Man, about five Feet eight Inches, fair Complexion, wore a light curled Wig, light coloured Great Coat, brown Coat and Waiſtcoat, leather Breeches and Boots.

The DESIGN of this UNDERTAKING.

TO prevent Offences, and thereby ſave the Lives of many of his Majeſty's Subjects by the ſpeedy Detection of Criminals. To check the miſchievous Effects of Luxury, and raiſe an Attention, if poſſible, to a due Subordination by ſeaſonable Perſuaſions, conveyed in Eſſays on Human Life. To advance the Rewards of the Ingenious by exhibiting their authenticated Merits to the Public. To ſtate exiſting Evils that affect the Peace and good Order of Society; to trace them to their Sources, and point out the Remedies. And as this public ſpirited Plan is honoured by Royal Countenance, from Sentiments of the higheſt Benevolence, and is carried into Execution on the moſt diſintereſted Principles by the Editor of this Paper, to whom no poſſible Gain can ariſe, except that immenſe one of deſerving well of his Country; it has the faireſt Claim to the Approbation of the Worthy, the Aſſiſtance of the Able, and the Candour of all his Majeſty's well diſpoſed Subjects.

J. FIELDING.

P. S. All Eſſays for the Hue and Cry are deſired to be directed to Bow-Street.

Cambridge, Jan. 21. This day being the Bachelor's Commencement, eighty-three gentlemen, from the undermentioned colleges, were admitted by the Vice Chancellor to the degree of Bachelor of Arts:

King's College,	1	Chriſt College,	4
Trinity, —	21	Queen's, —	3
St. John's, —	19	Catherine-Hall,	3
Clare-Hall, —	7	Jeſus College,	3
Magdalen College,	5	Peterhouſe, —	2
Emanuel, ——	5	Pembroke-Hall,	1
Corpus Chriſti,	4	Sidney College,	1
Caius, ——	4		

On Friday laſt the Rev. Mr. Hudſon, M. A. and the Rev. Mr. Jordan, B. A. were elected Fellows of Queen's College, in this univerſity.

The Rev. Thomas Meyler, M. A. formerly of St. John's College, is empowered, by a diſpenſation, to hold the rectory of Marlborough, in the county of Wilts, and dioceſe of Saliſbury; together with the vicarage or Preſhute, in the ſame county and dioceſe; worth 200l. per annum.

The Rev. Henry Chayter, L. L. D. late of Magdalen College, is preſented to the vicarage of Catterick, in Yorkſhire, worth upwards of 200l. a year; void by the reſignation of the Rev. Theophilus Lindſay, M. A. formerly of St. John's College, in this univerſity.

The Rev. Mr. Steevens, Fellow of Trinity College, is preſented by that Society to the vicarage of Helion Bumſtead, in Eſſex, in the room of the Rev. Mr. Skepper, deceaſed.

John Gilbert Cooper, Eſq. has preſented the Rev. Kaye Mawer to the perpetual curacy of Thurgarton, Nottinghamſhire, void by the reſignation of the Rev. Mr. Roſe, who retired on account of his great age and infirmities.

A preſentation has paſſed the Great Seal to the Rev. Nathaniel Scott, of the rectory of Thelverton, in the county of Norfolk, and dioceſe of Norwich, on the preſentation of the Lord Chancellor.

TUESDAY, Jan. 25.

LONDON.

A letter from Peterſburgh, dated Jan. 8, ſays, "We have juſt received authentic advices from Jaſſy which aſſure us, that the rebels are entirely driven out of the Crimea; that Ockzakow, at the mouth of the Nieper, is the only place of conſequence in their poſſeſſion; and that the Ruſſian General in the Crimea is preparing to attack them there, he having taken ſuch juſt precautions that it will be impoſſible for the Turkiſh Commander, Crim Dewlet Guiry, to form any conjunction with them; it is therefore probable that the Crimea will ſoon be under the dominion of the Ruſſians."

Yeſterday there was a Levee at St. James's, at which the Earls of Suffolk, Sandwich, Godolphin, Pembroke, Aberdeen, Portmore, Lord Ravenſworth, &c. were preſent.

After the Levee was up, Lord Viſcount Townſend, and Lord Barrington, had each a conference with his Majeſty.

The Earl of Sandwich Eaſt-Indiaman, Capt. Deane, is arrived at Portſmouth from Bencoolen. The crew has been ſickly, having loſt about 50 of their men.

The Lady Johanna, Gerling, from Rotterdam to Marſeilles, is got into Helvoet, with the loſs of all her anchors; and is much damaged with the ice.

The King of Sardinia, St. Barbe, from London to Leghorn, was forced on ſhore at Mountſbay, is full of water, and it is feared will be loſt.

The Neptune, Blanck, from Amſterdam, bound to Liſbon, is put into Cowes, leaky, and muſt unload to repair.

The Goodwill, Curren, that was on fire, and ſunk in the River, is ſince weighed up, and is ſafe at the Cuſtom-houſe Key, and moſt part of the cargo landed.

The Happy, Adams, from North Carolina to Plymouth, is put into Penzance, having thrown part of her cargo overboard.

The London Packet, Winter, from Guernſey to London, is ſaid to be loſt.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26.

LONDON.

A letter from Berlin, dated Jan. 10, ſays, "His Pruſſian Majeſty has ſent orders to M. Reichard, his agent, reſiding at Dantzick, to make a further demand on that city of 160,000 ducats, by way of reimburſing the expences his Majeſty has been at in building ſome new fortifications, and repairing the old ones round Dantzick and the ſuburbs, maintaining the engineers, &c. It is thought this demand will not eaſily be complied with by the Magiſtracy of Dantzick, who will certainly refer it to the grand diet of Poland."

The following is the PREAMBLE to the inſtructions (drawn up by the committee of proprietors of Eaſt India ſtock) for the Governor General and Council of Bengal, &c. as amended on a motion of Mr. Smith's, in the General Court of Tueſday the 11th inſtant:

"An act having been paſſed in the laſt ſeſſions of parliament, intituled, 'An act 'for eſtabliſhing certain regulations for the 'better management of the affairs of the Eaſt 'India Company, as well in India as in 'Europe;' in conſequence of the ſaid act, which we now tranſmit to you for your guidance, we proceed to give you the orders herein-after contained, and have alſo annexed copies of ſuch other orders as we have framed for conſtituting a council of commerce, and a board of exchequer, for the better management of our affairs; to all which you will pay due obedience."

The following are likewiſe the names of the Company's eleven ſenior civil ſervants, appointed as a council of commerce for managing, conducting, and tranſacting their trade and commerce in the preſidency of Bengal; Samuel Middleton, William Aldersey, John Reid, Philip Milner Dunned, Thomas Lane, James Llewell, Henry Goodwin, John Graham, William Lambert, George Vanſittart, and Nicolas Grueber.

Extract of a letter from Portſmouth, Jan. 21.

"The Ruſſian ſquadron at Spithead are now unmooring; but it is imagined, they will not be able to ſail before to-morrow."

THURSDAY, Jan. 27.

LONDON.

Yesterday there was a levee at St. James's, at which the Right Hon. Lord Chancellor, his Grace the Duke of Argyle, Earls of Suffolk, Rochford, Hertford, Coventry, Spencer, Lords Bateman, Craven, foreign ministers, &c. were present.

After the levee was up, a council was held, at which the Earls of Gower, Suffolk, Rochford, Lord Viscount Townshend, &c. assisted.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed the 2d of next month to hear the remainder of the petitions left unheard before Hilary Term.

The capital picture of Diana, and her nymphs, by Luca Giordano, was sold by auction at Christie's yesterday, for Twenty Guineas.

By a letter from Marseilles, we hear, a violent hurricane has lately carried great destruction about there, and about thirty persons of consequence have perished in an English vessel near Port Mahone.

Advice is received from Tunis, that three Barbarian vessels have lately been equipped against the vessels of any Christian powers that shall approach near that port.

Monday the Rev. Dr. Watson, King's Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge, was collated by the Lord Bishop of Ely to a stall in that cathedral, vacant by the death of the Rev. Dr. Nichols.

The Antelope man of war, now fitting out at Chatham, is destined to carry Admiral Greaves over to America, to take the command of the squadron in that station. And the Barfleur man of war, of 90 guns, is fitting to be the flag ship at Jamaica.

The transport ships Anson and Ashburnham are now completely fitted up, and ready to sail for Gravesend, in order to proceed on their voyage, with the judges and general officers to the East Indies, under the command of Lieutenants Edward Atkinson and John Lander.

The Stafford, Capt. Link, and the Calcutta, Thompson, East-Indiamen, having completed their lading at Gravesend, will sail from thence in a few days for the Downs.

The Happy, Capt. Adams, from North Carolina, which is put into Penzance, has been missing some time, and 70 per cent. was offered insurance, but was refused.

Extract of a letter from Gosport, Jan. 24.

"Yesterday morning the Russian fleet sailed from Spithead down to St. Helen's, in order to their being in readiness the first fair wind to proceed to sea: the Russian Admiral Greig saluted the senior officers here at his departure, which was returned.

"We have at this time upwards of 200 Russians in our hospital; the mortality among them daily increases: among others, is one of the heads of their priests, who is dangerously ill.

"This morning the Commissioner, &c. went to Spithead, and paid his Majesty's ships Resolution and Asia down to six months."

Extract of a letter from Chatham, Jan. 24.

"His Majesty's ship Antelope, of 50 guns, now fitting for sea at this port, is taken into Dock in order to be sheathed: as soon as she is ready to receive the men, she will be commissioned, and is to be fitted for the reception of a flag officer.

"The Scarborough, of 20 guns, which is under orders to be fitted for sea with the greatest expedition at this port, is now in dock, undergoing a thorough repair; an additional number of shipwrights are employed upon her, in order to make the quicker dispatch; but it is imagined she will not be ready to come out of dock till some time in March next. It is not positively known here where these ships are to be stationed; some say at America, others in the West Indies.

"Tuesday last died, the Rev. John Wigmore, Chaplain of his Majesty's Navy in Ordinary at this port, which he had enjoyed upwards of forty years; he was also lately appointed Chaplain to the Triumph, a guardship here, of 74 guns."

On Thursday last Mr. George Ducker, of Angel-Court, Snow-hill, Attorney at Law, was chosen Clerk of the Worshipful Company of Gold and Wiredrawers, London, in the room of the late Mr. Thomas Harris.

On Saturday evening last Mr. Matthews, a Riding-officer in the customs, assisted by a party of dragoons, made a capital seizure of tea in a wood near Charing in Kent, to the amount of 1400l. and upwards, besides some bale goods, which were safely lodged in his Majesty's warehouse.

Proceedings at the Public-Office, in Bow-street, yesterday.

Guido Bisset, shopman to Messrs. Paul and Vanhommer, silk mercers, in Pall-Mall, was charged by Mr. Paul with selling a quantity of silks, from time to time, from his shop, to the amount of 100l. without bringing the money to account, or entering it in the books kept for that purpose. He confessed the fact, but wished to have it considered only as a breach of trust; whereas Mr. Paul, finding he had entered one article to the amount of ten pounds, in the name of a Mrs. Hume, a person not to be found, when, in fact, he had given it to Dr. Ryan, a nostrum-monger, in part of payment to be made a Doctor; he wished to have him committed for a felony, and retained Mr. Lucas to plead his cause. Mr. Lucas observed, that as Mr. Paul never lodged any of his goods in the hands of his shopmen, Bisset's secretly conveying them out of the house, whether by sale, or otherwise, and converting the money to his own use, was a felony. It appeared in the course of his business, that he had engaged to pay Dr. Ryan 500l. for the secret of a patent medicine, and for the instructing him in the method of administering it. Dr. Ryan said he had been under his tuition near a twelvemonth, and was as good a Doctor as himself.

A Frenchman was brought to the bar for an attempt to murder and rob Mr. Cater, of Lincoln's-inn, a few days ago. It appeared that this man was introduced to Mr. Cater's knowledge, about three months since, by a French valet that he had, as an object of charity, and had been many times relieved by him; that when this attempt was made, he called as usual for some relief; that Mr. Cater gave him a shilling, and seeing him tremble, said, "You are cold, come to the fire and warm yourself;" that staying longer than he liked, he said, "Come! you are warm now; and as I am going out, you had better go:" that the man then got up and struck him on the head with a stone, and wounded him very much, and finding him stagger, repeated his blows; and had it not been for some person at hand, would have killed him. The man ran down stairs, and on Mr. Cater's calling out to the porter of the Inn, he was secured. The villain pretends to be insane, and not to speak a word of English; but it appearing from a letter he wrote to Mr. Cater for relief, a day or two before this affair, that he is in his senses, and his speaking English when he was first apprehended, he was committed for further examination to-morrow, when the surgeons think Mr. Cater will be able to attend.

Three sharpers were also committed,—two for cheating a boy, servant to justice Miller, of Hertfordshire, out of five shillings, by pricking in the belt; and one for cheating a bricklayer of 45l. 13s. by cutting the cards.

Six boys, and four girls, were charged on the evidence of an accomplice, for breaking into the house of John Stone, Esq. in a court opening into the Strand, and robbing it of sundry things. The house was uninhabited, and this was their first offence. However, they were recommitted.

Williams, the master of the Coach-makers Arms, in Long-acre, was also committed till he finds bail, for keeping a disorderly house, on the oath of several respectable neighbours, for harbouring their apprentices, and suffering them to spend their money, and waste their time at his house.

COMMITMENTS during the course of last week.

To Ivelchester gaol, John Horsey, for felony, he is aged twenty-five, five feet ten inches high, born at Drayton, in Somersetshire.

To Chelmsford gaol, William Dawson, for felony, he is aged twenty years, and five feet four inches high.

To Warwick gaol, William Flemance, John Soul, and Joseph Watton, for felony, Flemance is aged thirty-three, six feet high, a labourer, born at Glasscott in Warwickshire; Soul is a weaver, born in Warwickshire, five feet nine inches high; Watton is a labourer, born in Warwickshire, five feet four inches high, and twenty-four years of age; William Dawson for stealing a cow, he is five feet ten inches high, born at Yarmouth, sixteen years of age.

To Lincoln castle, John Powell, for felony, five feet six inches high, twenty years of age, a labourer; William Barratt, for receiving goods, knowing them to be stolen, he is twenty-nine years of age, five feet five inches high, and born in London.

To Northampton gaol, John Lack, for sheep stealing, born at Piddington, fifty-five years of age, five feet three inches high.

To Derby gaol, Thomas Smalle, for felony, born at Windley.

To Nottingham gaol, Matthew Bailey, for sheep stealing, forty-five years of age, five feet eight inches high, born at Willoughby in Nottinghamshire.

To Gloucester gaol, John Dowers, William Harmer, Amariah Bethall, Robert Browning, Thomas Rayer, and John Lewis, for divers felonies; James M'Donald, Josiah Gardiner, and William Catteneck, for house breaking; M'Donald is a Warwickshire man, Catteneck is a Hampshire man, and Gardiner is nephew to the gentleman whose house they broke open, they are all three deserters from the Chatham division of marines.

To Chester castle, Elizabeth Edwards, and Ann Edwards, for felony; Peter Catharine, for stealing corn, he is thirty-four years of age, five feet eight inches high, a Cheshire man.

To Bedford gaol, James Kitchen, for sheep stealing, about twenty-two years of age, five feet six inches high; William Freeman, for a highway robbery, nineteen years old, five feet five inches high, born at St. Alban's.

To Exeter gaol, James Radford, of Kentisbeer, for felony, a labourer; Mary Furse, of Dunsford, for Burglary.

OBSERVATION.

If the Keepers of the County Gaols continue punctually to make a weekly return to the above office of the names and descriptions of the offenders committed to their charge, it must be the means of recovering many prisoners that have broke Gaol, and of detecting many notorious criminals who have committed offences in the counties from whence they have escaped; and if the Post-Masters in the different parts of England pay an exact attention to the directions they have received from the Hon. the Post-Master General, in sending an immediate account of every robbery that comes to their knowledge, with the best description of the offenders, the whole state of criminal matters that arise within the course of the week, will be contained in this Paper, the Public Advertiser, and the Gazetteer, to which therefore we refer Pawnbrokers, Silversmiths, Dealers in Cloaths, and Horse Dealers, to prevent their buying or receiving stolen goods or horses; for as it is natural for offenders who escape justice in the country to fly towards London for shelter, such occurrences, together with those that arise in town, are advertised in those two daily papers; and as it is also as common for offenders who escape justice in this metropolis to fly into the country for shelter, these occurrences are constantly advertised in the Hue and Cry: by these reciprocal methods escapes must be rendered difficult, the evil disposed deterred from involving themselves and families in distress; the number of capital offenders lessened, and the lives of many of his Majesty's subjects thereby happily saved, to the joy of humanity and the honour of civil policy.

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